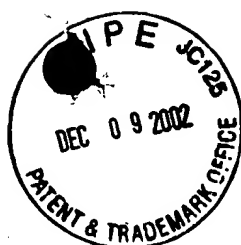


Serial No. 09/890,384



PH 99012G1
9879*7

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED
DEC 12 2002
TECH CENTER 1600/240

DAVID ALAN ROBERTS, ET AL.

SERIAL NO.: 09/890,384

ART UNIT: 1616

FILED: FEBRUARY 15, 2002

EXAMINER: ALTON RAYOR

FOR: WEED CONTROL

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL WITH SUFFICIENT POSTAGE IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231 ON THIS 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2002.

BY: Barbara Melle

AMENDMENT

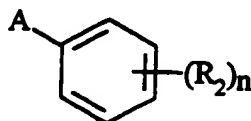
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 8, 9 and 10 as follows. The claims are shown in their amended form below. A marked-up version of the amended claims is provided as Appendix A.

8. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 6 in which an encapsulated isoxazole is used, comprising an isoxazole compound of the general formula I



(I)